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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE OPENING OF NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY

1. IN ADDITION TO EXAMPLES PREVIOUSLY CITED, NORTH KOREANS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN OTHER OPERATIONS TO TRAIN GUERRILLAS FROM LATIN AND OTHER NATIONS, OFTEN CONDUCTING TRAINING EVEN WHERE OTHER COMMUNIST STATES WILL NOT. DPRK HAS ALSO NOT HESITATED TO INTERVENE IN LOCAL POLITICS THROUGH USE OF LOCAL FRIENDSHIP ORGANIZATIONS. MOST DRAMATIC EXPOSURE OF THIS INVOLVEMENT OCCURRED IN CEYLON IN 1971 WHEN NORTH KOREANS WERE REJECTED DUE TO DPRK'S INVOLVEMENT WITH "NEW LEFT" WHICH PLAYED A PROMINENT ROLE IN SERIOUS INSURRECTION AGAINST GOVERNMENT. NORTH KOREA HAS FREQUENTLY SUPPORTED AND ENCOURAGED THE MOST RADICAL FRINGE GROUPS IN THE LOCAL SOCIETY, EVEN WHILE CULTIVATING GOVERNMENTS ON OFFICIAL LEVEL-- THIS EVEN IN CASES WHERE HOST GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO DPRK.

2. YOU MAY DRAW UPON ABOVE IF ASKED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY. SISCO

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